

ATTACHMENT B

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 11-22 with the following amended paragraph.

When the coating process has been completed nitrogen is introduced into the chamber to reduce the vacuum and assist cooling. The gas path between the spaced collars 58,64 of the lids allows a convection flow through the interior of each tower so that the drill shanks are also cooled, the flow permeating the full height of the tower from the gaps at the drill flute recesses in the hollow walls. The convection flow through the vented lid gives a more uniform cooling so that the process cycle time can thus be reduced, without risk of oxidation on the surface of the drill shanks when they are exposed to the surrounding air.